

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-23 are now pending in the application. Claims 5-7 and 11 are allowed. Claims 1-4, 8-10, and 12-23 are rejected. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

The Examiner's attention is directed to independent Claims 1 and 11. These claims include the limitation that the arcuate tube defines a guide slot. Disposed within the slot is a portion of the ram which guides the ram through the arcuate slot. Applicant notes that neither of the Cumming or Kleeberger references disclose this limitation. Further, independent Claims 1 and 11 contain the limitation that the tube is configured to allow the cushion drawn up into the tube prior to the compaction of the cushion into the cover. This is specifically distinguishable from the Kleeberger reference which teaches inserting the cushion into a cover, but does not teach drawing the cushion up into a tube prior to inserting the cushion into a cover.

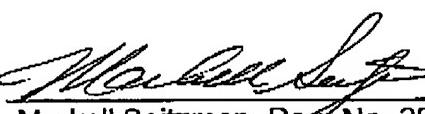
**CONCLUSION**

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the

Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (586) 726-3905.

Respectfully submitted,

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